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1. SUMMARY: CZECHSLOVAKS ASK WHAT USG OFFICIALS FROM WASHINGTON WILL ATTEND SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS IN PRAGUE. END SUMMARY.
2. DURING JUNE 14 MEETING WITH EMBOFF, STASTNY AND SRONEK OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND POLYTECHNA ASKED WHAT USG OFFICIALS FROM WASHINGTON WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIRD COUNCIL PLENARY TO BE HELD IN PRAGUE SEPT. 11-12. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW, AND GIVEN UNOFFICIAL NATURE OF BODY, WONDERED WHETHER SUCH PRESENCE WOULD BE DESIRED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS. INDICATING THAT IT WOULD, STASTNY RESPONDED THAT PRESENCE OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE JAKUBEC AT WASHINGTON PLENARY LAST OCTOBER WAS EXPRESSION OF GOC INTEREST IN COUNCIL, AND THAT RECIPROCAL USG VISIT WOULD BE WELCOME. EMBOFF SAID THAT QUERY WOULD BE PASSED ALONG TO WASHINGTON.

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3. CZECHOSLOVAK SECTION OF COUNCIL WILL MEET JULY 11, AND STRONEK SAJSSOME DISCUSSION WOULD TAKE PLACE ON POSSIBLE DIMINUTION OF SIZE OR FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS OF COUNCIL. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CHOSEN THEN. ONCE DETAILS ARE IN, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DETERMINE IF KEY DECISION-MAKERS WILL PARTICIPATE FROM CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE (REFTEL).

4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT POSSIBLE
USG WASHINGTON PARTICIPATION BE KEPT OPEN UNTIL WE
KNOW MORE ABOUT DECISIONS MADE AT JULY 11 MEETING.
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